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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:39 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6486.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3642 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OPTIONS TO COMBAT HEALTH CARE WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Options to Combat Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### MUSIC LICENSING PART ONE: LEGISLATION IN THE 112TH CONGRESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Music Licensing Part One: Legislation in the 112th Congress”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6429, the “STEM Jobs Act of 2012”. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.R. 6429. The rule provides 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–34, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 6, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith, TX, and

Representatives Zoe Lofgren, CA, Jackson-Lee, TX, and Gutierrez.

### NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SOLAR AND SPACE PHYSICS RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS FOR SPACE WEATHER PREDICTION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “National Priorities for Solar and Space Physics Research and Applications for Space Weather Prediction”. Testimony was heard from Charles J. Gay, Deputy Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Laura Furgione, Acting Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and Acting Director, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and a public witness.

### REVIEW OF AMTRAK’S STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Getting Back on Track: A Review of Amtrak’s Structural Reorganization”. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, President and Chief Executive Officer; Ted Alves, Inspector General; and a public witness.

### VA CONFERENCE SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA Conference Spending Accountability”. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge, Office of Management Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Phillipa Anderson, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D942)

H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–197)

H.R. 4114, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with

service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–198)

S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–199)

S. 1956, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–200)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine Sandy and its impacts, focusing on a local perspective, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to receive a closed briefing on the attack on the United States mission in Benghazi, 8:30 a.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine “reclaiming our image and identity for the next seven generations”, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, and the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Mark A. Barnett, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Angela Tammy Dickinson, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine creating jobs and growing the econ-

omy, focusing on legislative proposals to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Role of Receivers in a Spectrum Scarce World”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity joint hearing entitled “Examining the Impact of the Proposed Rules to Implement Basel III Capital Standards”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “The Future of Money: Dollars and Sense”, 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Israel's Right to Defend Itself: Implications for Regional Security and U.S. Interests”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup on H.R. 1798, to prevent foreign states that do business, issue securities, or borrow money in the United States, and then fail to satisfy United States court judgments totaling \$100,000,000 or more based on such activities, from inflicting further economic injuries in the United States, from undermining the integrity of United States courts, and from discouraging responsible lending to poor and developing nations by undermining the secondary and primary markets for sovereign debt, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 511, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Services, Part 4”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “1 in 88 Children: A Look Into the Federal Response to Rising Rates of Autism”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “How Best to Improve our Nation's Airport Passenger Security System Though Common Sense Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.